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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to you today to express my support of the settlement reached last November between the Department of Justice and the Microsoft Corporation. Although I believe the litigation was unwarranted to begin with, I believe that this settlement is in the best interests of the technological industry and our economy.

Microsoft deserves its place at the forefront of the technology industry. Microsoft has earned this position through its constant production of innovative products. In return, these products have afforded, to economies around the world, increased productivity in the technological realm.

Microsoft will give up much under this settlement. For example, it will use a uniform price list when licensing Windows out to computer makers. Microsoft is willing to accept this and other stipulations, however harsh they may be, in order to end this lawsuit. Thus, I am supporting the settlement, as it allows Microsoft to concentrate on business.

Sincerely,



Leslie Perschall